

# Putting the Surrey public first

Surrey receives one of the lowest Government grants per person for policing due to an unfair funding formula. If our grant was at the average rate of other forces around London (£106 per person) Surrey would receive an additional £18.2 million.

The formula takes no account of the challenges we face from criminals coming into the county from elsewhere. Fifty nine per cent of identified organised crime gangs affecting Surrey are engaged in drugs supply and originate from London, while 47 per cent of burglary and vehicle crime offenders come from outside Surrey, more than half of these from London. The funding formula also takes no account of our need to invest more in counter-terrorism policing.

In addition, our policing activity is often driven by Government targets rather than by local needs, taking away officers' ability to use their own professional judgement to do what is best for their local communities.

Surrey still has one of the lowest crime rates in England but we are concerned that poor funding will reduce effective policing. We have lobbied the Government and made our funding difficulties very clear to the Home Office, but without success.

To try to address the funding gap, we have made efficiency savings of £50m in the past nine years; we are reducing our policing divisions from four to three and reviewing our support departments to make further savings.

Even with this programme, we still face a deficit of £3.1 million next year.

We are therefore asking Surrey residents to increase, above Government expectations, the amount they contribute towards policing this year to help minimise any reduction in services. This is part of a three-year strategy and we anticipate we will not be asking the people of Surrey to increase their contribution at the same level in forthcoming years.

The Council Tax set for 2008/09 will enable us to:

- Maintain our investment in neighbourhood policing
- Develop Operation Shield – the creation of a protective 'shield' around Surrey by using intelligence and other policing resources to help prevent cross-border crime, particularly from London
- Invest in counter-terrorism – improving our ability to respond to a terrorist incident.

Because we recognise that Surrey residents already contribute nearly 50 per cent of the policing budget – compared to the national average of 22 per cent – we are also introducing 'Surrey Public First', an initiative designed to step outside some of the national bureaucracy and give officers the discretion to do what is best for the public of Surrey.

Keeping people safe and confident in their neighbourhoods remains our top priority.

Surrey Police Authority is legally required to produce this information under The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2003 – SI 2003/2613.

Our Priorities	What Surrey Police has achieved since April 2007	What Surrey Police will achieve from April 2008
<p><b>Confidence and satisfaction</b> Building confidence in your police and increasing your satisfaction with the service we deliver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have maintained high levels of satisfaction for victims of crime and road traffic collisions</li> <li>• We have continued to provide a high quality of service for victims</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will increase your confidence in us</li> <li>• We will increase overall satisfaction with the service provided for victims of crime and road traffic collisions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safety</b> Keeping you safe from harm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have improved our readiness to respond to major problems if they happen, such as terrorism, pandemic flu or flooding</li> <li>• We have arrested and subsequently charged more than 120 people for Class A drugs supply in Surrey</li> <li>• We have increased your satisfaction with the way we deal with anti-social behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will maintain our ability to respond to major emergencies</li> <li>• We will dismantle more organised crime groups</li> <li>• We will continue to target those who finance crime by supplying Class A drugs</li> <li>• We will reduce serious violent crime and acquisitive crime</li> <li>• We will increase the number of detections we achieve through positive DNA and fingerprint identifications</li> </ul>
<p><b>People and resources</b> Making the most of our resources and supporting our people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have continued to maintain low levels of sickness for both police officers and staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will stabilise the turnover of police officers and staff during a major programme of restructure and organisational change</li> <li>• We will deliver cashable efficiency savings while continuing to maintain our performance</li> </ul>

## Contacting us

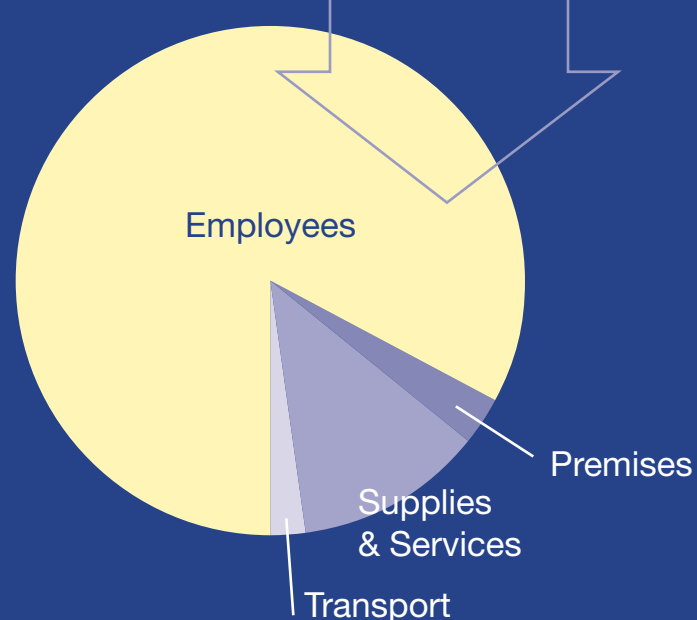
For more details about the police budget for the year from April 2008 or to obtain a copy of the 2006/07 Statement of Accounts, please write, giving your address, to the: Surrey Police Authority, PO Box 412, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1BR.  
or email: [spa@surrey.police.uk](mailto:spa@surrey.police.uk)  
or call Ian Perkin, Treasurer to the Police Authority, on: 01483 630200.  
[www.surreypa.gov.uk](http://www.surreypa.gov.uk)

Call 999 (Minicom users: 01483 539999) if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police or if a crime is in progress.  
Call Surrey Police on 0845 125 2222 for non-emergency policing matters only.  
Call your local council for abandoned vehicles or noise problems.  
Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you have information about a crime and don't want to leave your name.

# How the money is spent

The Surrey Police Authority has a net budget requirement of £191.5m for 2008/09. This compares to a figure of £180.6m for 2007/08.

	£m 2008/09	2007/08		£m 2008/09	2007/08
Employees	182.4	171.2	Net revenue budget	204.3	192.9
Premises	7.2	7.0	Community Support Officers	-4.2	-4.1
Supplies & services	26.1	24.0	Crime Fighting Fund	-4.1	-4.1
Transport	4.0	5.8	Single Counter-terrorism		
Less income	-10.1	-11.6	Police Grant	-0.9	-0.6
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>209.6</b>	<b>196.4</b>	Training Grant	0.0	-0.4
To/from (-) balances	-5.3	-3.5	Other Government Grant	-3.6	-3.1
			<b>Net budget requirement</b>	<b>191.5</b>	<b>180.6</b>



## Employee information

Figures represent all posts included in the Authority's annual budget

	08/09	07/08
Police officers	1,933	1,900
Operational police staff	1,543	1,499
Support police staff	678	722
Specials	300	320

## How spending has changed

	£m
<b>2007/08 gross expenditure</b>	<b>196.4</b>
Customer satisfaction & performance	1.8
Counter-terrorism	1.6
Protection from cross-border criminality	1.6
Frontline officer expansion	1.6
Training & national standards	1.1
Information technology & management	1.0
Restructuring	1.0
Local government pension scheme	0.9
Efficiency gains	-4.8
Inflation, economic changes & pay	7.4
<b>2008/09 gross expenditure</b>	<b>209.6</b>

If you have a question about this year's budget please call the Police Authority on 01483 630200.

## What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2008/09

Amount per property (£ pa)



## Where the money comes from

	2008/09 £m	2007/08 £m
Net budget requirement	191.497	180.593
Less:		
Police Grant	-64.348	-63.221
Business rates	-30.704	-28.894
Revenue Support Grant	-4.274	-4.849
<b>Gross Council Tax requirement</b>	<b>92.171</b>	<b>83.629</b>
Share of Collection Fund surpluses	-0.123	-0.423
<b>Net Council Tax requirement</b>	<b>92.048</b>	<b>83.206</b>
<b>Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent band D properties</b>	<b>489,826</b>	<b>485,819</b>

As at 31 March 2007 Surrey Police had £26.0m invested with Surrey County Council. There was no external borrowing outstanding at this date.

## The cost of policing in Surrey in 2008/09

The figures below show the cost per head of population for policing in Surrey and how this cost is split between the different funding sources.

Council Tax	£84.54
Police Grant	£59.02
National Business Rates	£28.16
Revenue Support Grant	£3.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>£175.64</b>
Special grants	£11.74

Cost per person: **2008/09 £175.64**

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